

regular income in cases under title 11 of the United States Code, see section 1328 of such title 11” for “wage earners’ plans in bankruptcy courts, see section 680 of the Bankruptcy Act, as added by the act of June 22, 1938 (11 U.S.C. 1080)”. Former par. (4) redesignated (3).

Pars. (5) to (7). Pub. L. 96-589, §6(i)(10)(A), (B), redesignated pars. (6) and (7) as (5) and (6), respectively. Former par. (5) redesignated (4).

1976—Pars. (2) to (5). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out parenthetical references to “52 Stat. 851;”, “52 Stat. 867;”, “52 Stat. 867-877;” and “52 Stat. 938;” preceding parenthetical references to sections of title 11.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-589 effective Oct. 1, 1979, but not applicable to proceedings under Title 11, Bankruptcy, commenced before Oct. 1, 1979, see section 7(e) of Pub. L. 96-589, set out as a note under section 108 of this title.

Subchapter D—Seizure of Property for Collection of Taxes

Part

- I. Due process for collections.
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AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3401(b), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 747, added part analysis.

PART I—DUE PROCESS FOR COLLECTIONS

Sec.

- 6330. Notice and opportunity for hearing before levy.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3401(b), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 747, added part heading and analysis consisting of item 6330.

§ 6330. Notice and opportunity for hearing before levy

(a) Requirement of notice before levy

(1) In general

No levy may be made on any property or right to property of any person unless the Secretary has notified such person in writing of their right to a hearing under this section before such levy is made. Such notice shall be required only once for the taxable period to which the unpaid tax specified in paragraph (3)(A) relates.

(2) Time and method for notice

The notice required under paragraph (1) shall be—

- (A) given in person;
- (B) left at the dwelling or usual place of business of such person; or
- (C) sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to such person’s last known address;

not less than 30 days before the day of the first levy with respect to the amount of the unpaid tax for the taxable period.

(3) Information included with notice

The notice required under paragraph (1) shall include in simple and nontechnical terms—

- (A) the amount of unpaid tax;
- (B) the right of the person to request a hearing during the 30-day period under paragraph (2); and

(C) the proposed action by the Secretary and the rights of the person with respect to such action, including a brief statement which sets forth—

- (i) the provisions of this title relating to levy and sale of property;
- (ii) the procedures applicable to the levy and sale of property under this title;
- (iii) the administrative appeals available to the taxpayer with respect to such levy and sale and the procedures relating to such appeals;
- (iv) the alternatives available to taxpayers which could prevent levy on property (including installment agreements under section 6159); and
- (v) the provisions of this title and procedures relating to redemption of property and release of liens on property.

(b) Right to fair hearing

(1) In general

If the person requests a hearing in writing under subsection (a)(3)(B) and states the grounds for the requested hearing, such hearing shall be held by the Internal Revenue Service Office of Appeals.

(2) One hearing per period

A person shall be entitled to only one hearing under this section with respect to the taxable period to which the unpaid tax specified in subsection (a)(3)(A) relates.

(3) Impartial officer

The hearing under this subsection shall be conducted by an officer or employee who has had no prior involvement with respect to the unpaid tax specified in subsection (a)(3)(A) before the first hearing under this section or section 6320. A taxpayer may waive the requirement of this paragraph.

(c) Matters considered at hearing

In the case of any hearing conducted under this section—

(1) Requirement of investigation

The appeals officer shall at the hearing obtain verification from the Secretary that the requirements of any applicable law or administrative procedure have been met.

(2) Issues at hearing

(A) In general

The person may raise at the hearing any relevant issue relating to the unpaid tax or the proposed levy, including—

- (i) appropriate spousal defenses;
- (ii) challenges to the appropriateness of collection actions; and
- (iii) offers of collection alternatives, which may include the posting of a bond, the substitution of other assets, an installment agreement, or an offer-in-compromise.

(B) Underlying liability

The person may also raise at the hearing challenges to the existence or amount of the underlying tax liability for any tax period if the person did not receive any statutory notice of deficiency for such tax liability or did